



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

21st June 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

Sunday's Corpus Christi procession was a powerful witness to the faith, with many of our students and staff walking with the Norbertines of St Philip's Priory and local parishes in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday evening's dance in Aquinas Hall raised over £600 towards a new mini bus. We thank Miss Cook, Mrs West and the PTA for their continuing efforts. A new bus will greatly enhance the opportunities we are able to offer.

Year 10 internal examinations continued this week. As students approach their KS4 examinations next year, these represent a valuable opportunity to assess current achievements and identify areas in which support is needed or efforts need to be renewed. We continue to pray for all students sitting public examinations as the exam season nears its conclusion. It is fantastic to hear many leave the halls confirming that God was with them. Always and forever, *even until the end of the age*.

Our Year 9 Retreats to Aylesford Priory concluded on Monday. As with the earlier Retreats, students served as wonderful ambassadors for our community and were complimented on their reverence and grace.

Year 5 students from Our Lady Immaculate, St Joseph's and St Pius X enjoyed their visit to the school yesterday; and today we are pleased to welcome students from Holy Family, St Francis, Maldon and The Bishops School. We invite parents and carers of students in all Years to an information evening next Thursday 27th June. We also look forward to welcoming our new September intake on Monday, and to greeting parents and carers at the evening presentation.

The formation students receive from their parents and carers - a child's first and primary teachers - is invaluable to our efforts to support the young people in our care towards their potential. These partnerships are essential to our continued success, and the school is blessed with fantastic support from families whose association in many cases spans generations.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

Celebrations & Successes

Well done to our girls' athletics team for securing 7th place in the East Anglia region. Our sporting teams continue to receive glowing praise whenever they compete or officiate. Competition organisers invariably speak highly of their spirit of competition, their grace in the face of disappointment, and their leadership and organisation of their younger peers whenever they are given responsibility.

The Full Governing Body has voted in favour of the motion that St. John Payne Catholic School will engage in discussion with the Diocese of Brentwood and members of the prospective Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure and determine whether in the view of the Full Governing Body it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure parents and carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15th September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413

Please be familiar with a change to the timing of the start of the school day from September. Registration will begin at 8.45 a.m. rather than 8.40 a.m. Aquinas canteen is open from 7.30 a.m. Lesson contact will not be reduced as lunch will be shortened by five minutes. The end of the day will remain 3.30 p.m.

School ends at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 19th July. The day is a non-uniform day.

Children from Braintree OLQP Parish interested in joining a youth group are encouraged to contact Jacqui Leech jacquileech65@gmail.com

SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium and West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



...to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

